

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 26, 2020

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1104 South 2nd Street. We have received some great nominations which makes the selection of the yard more difficult. That is a great problem to have. Keep sending in the great nominations.

Library

The Library will begin a limited reopening on Wednesday, July 1st. The Library will open at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 am to 5 people to use the computers for 30 minutes. The first 5 people outside the Community Center on the hour at those times will be allowed in for 30 minutes. All users must be aware that restrooms in the building are not open, they must wear a mask and they will have their temperature taken prior to entering. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 and above will not be allowed to enter and use the computers. After 30 minutes all patrons will leave the library. The computer area will be cleaned after each session.

Staff will be preparing the library for the next stage of opening that will provide take out service of library materials.

Cottage Grove Small Business Emergency Loan Program

The City of Cottage Grove is excited to announce that the application window for the Cottage Grove Small Business Emergency Loan Program will begin on July 1, 2020. The City Council set aside \$100,000 for small business assistance. Part of the funds will be used as a match for \$25,414 from Oregon Business in a grant program. The remaining \$74,500 will be loaned through the City of Cottage Grove Loan program. The grant program should be opening up within a week of the City's loan program. To apply for the Emergency Grants or Emergency Loans visit the Community Lending Works webpage for information and application materials at: www.communitylendingworks.org. After the application window closes loans will be awarded to businesses that meet the application criteria. If there are more loan applications than funding available the applications will be selected by lottery for funding.

Congratulations Ray Pardee

Ray Pardee is retiring on June 30, 2020 after 30 years of employment with the City of Cottage Grove. Ray started on July 24, 1990 working in the Water Production Division. On May 26, 2000 Ray was promoted to Water Treatment Plant Superintendent replacing retiring Brian

Ducker. Ray led many improvements to the City's water treatment plant and distribution system. In 2008 the Row River Treatment plant was expanded from a 2 MGD sand filter treatment system to a 4 MGD Pall Membrane treatment system. In 2010 Ray assisted the Row River Valley Water District as they took ownership of the Layng Creek Treatment Plant from the City. In 2017 the new Taylor Pump Station was completed and went into operation replacing the old Taylor Pump Station and Cottage Heights Pump Station. The last major upgrade he has overseen is the current expansion of the Row River Water Treatment Plant from 4 MGD to 6 MGD production. The expansion is expected to be complete in September of 2020.

Ray and the Treatment Plant received many awards and recommendations over the past 20 years under his leadership. Ray was focused on having and maintaining the treatment plant and producing the best drinking water possible for the City and the users of its water. Ray will be greatly missed and we wish him the best in his retirement. Thank you to everyone who helped with or came to Ray's retirement lunch yesterday.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

On Wednesday Dave Belden, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, passed his level II Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's certification examination. Dave was hired in November of 2019 and has been a great addition to the Treatment Plant's operations team. Congratulations on passing your level II certification exam.

Tim Ogden, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator in Training, has been battling stomach cancer the past several months. He reported to me this week that he is now cancer free. He started taking chemo treatments 2 weeks ago. The treatments have caused hair loss and in an effort to show support for Tim the entire Wastewater Treatment plant crew has shaved their heads. Congratulations to Tim on being cancer free and to the entire team for their support of Tim.

Downtown Parking Study

This Thursday marked the beginning of a weeklong Downtown Parking Counts to be conducted by the City's Planning Department. This work will be used to inform the larger Parking Study currently being conducted for City Council. The goal of the count is to begin to understand how many spots are being utilized throughout the day and where. The study will be conducted between Thursday, June 25th and Wednesday, July 1st at four different predetermined times. The department plans to conduct further counts throughout the summer to also gain insight into the effects of COVID-19 on the downtown area. For more information, contact John Larson-Friend at jfriend2@uoregon.edu or Amanda Ferguson at planner@cottagegrove.org.

Safe Routes to School & Fillmore Stormwater Outfall Project Update Week of June 29

Wildish Construction finished the excavation of the water quality swale including the installation of the outlet and overflow structures and rip rap installation at both ends. 18 inches of specialized loam material will be placed in the bottom and the entire swale will be seeded with a water quality seed mix. Staff met with the School district to discuss what the best option was to relocate the fiber optic line that can be seen in the picture below.



Crews began laying 27-inch storm line from the swale heading east to South 4th Street. Next week, work will continue on laying 27-inch pipe east towards South 4th Street and then continuing down Fillmore Avenue.



Street excavation continued this week and will continue next week towards Triangle Park just north of Fillmore Avenue. Crews excavated out the new drop off area for Lincoln Middle School students. After excavation has taken place, crews are installing geotextile fabric on the subgrade and placing & compacting crushed aggregate for a road base.



Crews are expected to begin water line work on July 1. They will be starting at the intersection of South 4th and Grant Avenue. Local residents can expect some inconveniences Wednesday and are asked to proceed with care. Water line construction will then proceed north on South 4th Street.

Also residents on South 4th Street and Hayes Avenue will be seeing a water truck filling up with water for the coming weeks. The contractor in charge of dust control and with the warmer weather dust will become more prevalent.

Northwest Natural Gas has been relocating their facilities on South 4th Street north of Taylor Avenue. Crews will be finishing that work and moving onto Taylor Avenue to start work relocating/upgrading their lines in that area.

Water Treatment Expansion Project

The expansion of the City's Water Treatment Plant continues on schedule with ongoing assembly of a new membrane filter rack by Pacific Excavation and their subcontractor, Harvey & Price. Current production capacity is 4 million gallons per day. Once completed later this summer, this project will expand the City's ability to produce 6 million gallons of water per day from the Row River Intake. The expansion project is on schedule and is expected to be operational in August\September, 2020.

Streatery Pilot Study

On Monday, June 22nd, City Council approved the first two restaurants to participate as part of the new Streatery Pilot Study. Intended for restaurants to add dining space on a deck constructed within a parking space in front of their business on E. Main Street, the structures will likely be completed in early July at the Axe & Fiddle and Jack Sprats restaurants. Construction of

stateries on Main Street could begin as soon as late next week. They will be usable by patrons, pending completion of all legal requirements and final inspections of the decks and railings.

Quote of the Week

“Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine.”

~Mario Fernandez~